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Application No.

09/647,882

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

HERBERT J LILLING

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to February 02, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-13, 16, 42-55.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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HERBERT J LILLING
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

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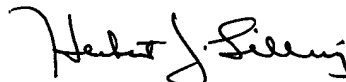
The Fax of February 02, 2004 has been entered and considered.

Claims 6 and 7 have been cancelled.

Approved by Attorney Coleman on February 17, 2004.

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Message: Dear Examiner Lilling:

Enclosed please find a response after final to the outstanding office action. We have reorganized the claims somewhat in light of what appears from the office action to be allowable subject matter. If you have any question, please call me at (203) 366-3560.

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2003, please consider the following amendment to the claims in the instant application. The amendments to the claims are presented below.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. Cancelled.
2. Cancelled.
3. Cancelled.
4. Previously cancelled.
5. Cancelled.

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6. (Currently amended) A food additive, said food additive comprising fibre preparations from two or more types of fruit or vegetables, the fibre preparations having undergone an extraction to remove greater than 90% of water soluble solids therefrom the fibre preparations consisting of the unsolubilized residue of the extraction, according to claim 3 wherein the first of the two or more fruit and vegetables is a citrus fruit or carrot and the second of the two or more fruit or vegetables is selected from the group consisting of grape, apple and cranberry.

7. (Currently amended) A food additive, said food additive comprising fibre preparations from two or more types of fruit or vegetables, the fibre preparations having undergone an extraction to remove greater than 90% of water soluble solids therefrom the fibre preparations consisting of the unsolubilized residue of the extraction, according to claim 6 wherein the first of the two or more types of fruit or vegetables is selected from the group consisting of orange, carrot and grapefruit and the second of the two or more types of fruit or vegetables is selected from the group consisting of grape, apple and cranberry.

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8. (Currently amended) A food additive, said food additive comprising fibre preparations from two or more types of fruit or vegetables, the fibre preparations having undergone an extraction to remove greater than 90% of water soluble solids therefrom the fibre preparations consisting of the unsolubilized residue of the extraction, according to claim 1 or 4 wherein a first of the two or more fruits or vegetables has a calcium content of between 4000 and 15000 ppm and a second of the two or more fruit or vegetables has a calcium content of between 200 and 1500 ppm.

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9. (Currently amended) A food additive, said food additive comprising fibre preparations from two or more types of fruit or vegetables, the fibre preparations having undergone an extraction to remove greater than 90% of water soluble solids therefrom the fibre preparations consisting of the unsolubilized residue of the extraction, according to claim 1 or 4 wherein a first of the two or more fruits or vegetables has a soluble neutral non starch polysaccharide content of between 2 and 3 percent dry weight and a second of the two or more fruit or vegetables has a soluble neutral non starch polysaccharides content of between 1 and 2 percent dry weight.

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~~10~~. (Currently amended) A food additive, said food additive comprising fibre preparations from two or more types of fruit or vegetables, the fibre preparations having undergone an extraction to remove greater than 90% of water soluble solids therefrom the fibre preparations consisting of the unsolubilized residue of the extraction, according to claim 1 or 4 wherein a first of the two or more fruits or vegetables has a total uronic acids content of between 20 and 40 percent dry weight and a second of the two or more fruit or vegetables has a total uronic acids content of between 5 and 20 percent dry weight.

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~~11~~. (Currently Amended) A food additive, said food additive comprising fibre preparations from two or more types of fruit or vegetables, the fibre preparations having undergone an extraction to remove greater than 90% of water soluble solids therefrom the fibre preparations consisting of the unsolubilized residue of the extraction, ~~according to claim 1 or 4~~ wherein

the first of the two or more fruits or vegetables has :

a calcium content of between 4000 and 15000 ppm;

a soluble neutral non starch polysaccharides content of between 2 and 3 percent dry weight; and

a total uronic acids content of between 20 and 40 percent dry weight

and the second of the two or more fruit or vegetables has :

a calcium content of between 200 and 1500 ppm;

a soluble neutral non starch polysaccharides content of between 1 and 2 percent dry weight; and

a total uronic acids content of between 5 and 20 percent dry weight.

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~~12~~. (Previously amended) A food additive according to claim ~~11~~⁴ wherein the first of the two or more fruit and vegetables is an orange, and the second of the two or more fruit or vegetables is selected from the group consisting of apple, grape and cranberry.

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~~13~~. (Previously amended) A food additive according to claim ⁵~~12~~ wherein the first of the two or more fruit and vegetables is an orange and the second of the two or more fruit or vegetables is an apple.

14-15. Previously cancelled

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~~16~~. (Previously amended) A food additive according to claim ⁴~~17~~ wherein the first of the two or more fruit and vegetables is a grapefruit, and the second of the two or more fruit or vegetables is selected from the group consisting of apple, grape and cranberry.

17-39. Previously cancelled

40. Cancelled

41. Cancelled

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~~42~~. (Previously amended) A food additive comprising a mixture of a first fiber preparation from a first fruit or vegetable, and a second fiber preparation from a second fruit or vegetable, the first fiber preparation and the second fiber preparation are prepared by slicing the two or more fruits or vegetables into substantially uniform pieces, extracting soluble solid by contacting the pieces with an extraction liquid under conditions to remove a majority of water soluble solids, and substantially removing any remaining seed tissue from the fibre the first fruit or vegetable being one or more selected from the group consisting of citrus tomato, carrot, mango, papaya, banana, pineapple, kiwi fruit, spinach, and the second fruit or vegetable being one or more selected from the group consisting of melon, grape, apple and cranberry.

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~~43~~. (Previously added) The food additive of claim ⁸~~42~~ wherein the enzymes within the fruit or vegetable are inactivated before extraction.

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44. (Currently amended) The food additive of claim ~~43~~⁹ 44 wherein the inactivation is by heat

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45. (Previously added) The food additive of claim ~~42~~⁸ wherein the sliced fruit is flash heated at about 60°C

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46. (Previously added) The food additive of claim ~~42~~⁸ wherein the sliced fruit of vegetable is undigested prior to extraction, having not been physically comminuted or treated enzymically or chemically to alter insoluble solids within the fruit or vegetable

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47. (Previously added) The food additive of claim ~~46~~¹² wherein the sliced fruit has not been macerated or milled.

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48. (Previously added) The food additive of claim ~~46~~¹² wherein the sliced fruit has not been treated by alkali or acid.

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49. (Previously added) The food additive of claim ~~46~~¹² wherein the slicing disrupts only about 0.5% of the cell walls.

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50. (Previously added) The food additive of claim ~~42~~¹² wherein the pieces of fruit is sliced so that the soluble solids have a diffusion path to the extraction liquid of not longer than about 1.5 mm

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51. (Previously added) The food additive of claim ~~42~~¹² wherein the extraction liquid is water.

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52. (Previously added) The food additive of claim ~~51~~¹⁷ wherein the extraction is by a countercurrent method, wherein the sliced fruit or vegetable material is carried in one direction whereas the extraction liquid is carried in the opposite direction.

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~~53~~. (Previously added) The food additive of claim ¹⁸~~52~~ wherein greater than 90% of the water soluble solids are removed.

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~~54~~. (Previously added) The food additive of claim ¹⁸~~52~~ wherein between about 93% to about 99% of the soluble solids are removed.

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~~55~~. (Previously added) The food additive of claim ⁸~~42~~ wherein the the first fruit or vegetable being one or more selected from the group consisting of citrus and carrot, and the second fruit or vegetable being one or more selected from the group consisting of grape, apple and cranberry.

REMARKS

After entering the instant amendment, claims 6-13, 16 and 40-55 are pending in the present application, claims 1-3 and 5 being cancelled pursuant to this amendment. Claims 42-55 were previously added and are allowed. In order to address the allowability of all of the claims of the present application, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-3 and 5 and incorporated the limitations/restrictions of claims 6 through 13 and 16 into claim 1. For purposes of organization and to capture the subject matter already pending, claims 6-11 have been presented as independent claims. Applicants believe that the present amendment now obviates the Examiner's rejection of the instant application under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and that the present application is in condition for allowance. Support for the amendment to the claims can be found throughout the original specification, including the examples and the claims and in particular, claims 6-13 and 16. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendment.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5-7, and 40-41 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs for the reasons which are stated in the office action in paragraphs 4 and 5 on pages 2-3. The Examiner essentially argues that the previously submitted claims which

referenced "preparations" were non-enabled and therefore invalid based upon the failure of the claims to provide some context or limitations for the preparations.

In order to address the Examiner's rejections, Applicants have amended the claims by incorporating the subject matter of dependent claims 6-13 and 16 into the subject matter of claim 1. The resulting amended claims 6-11, now reflect a term for preparations which is clearly enabled and reflects an extraction of 90% of the water soluble solids therefrom. It is respectfully submitted that the claims now enable one of ordinary skill in the art to make and use the invention, which has limitations in the claims which support their enablement.

Turning to the Examiner's §112, second paragraph rejection, the Examiner rejected the previously filed claims as being indefinite, inasmuch as the term "preparations" was considered indefinite. In order to obviate this rejection, Applicants have inserted limitations within the amended claims which now fully address the Examiner's concerns that certain of the previously filed claims were vague and indefinite. It is respectfully submitted that Applicant's amendment has obviated the Examiner's rejection under §112, second paragraph.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. No claim has been added, one independent claim and three dependent claims have been cancelled. Six dependent claims have been amended to be independent claims. A fee in the amount of \$129.00 (for three additional independent claims which are unaccounted for in the original filing fee and previously filed amendments which cancelled two additional independent claims 25 and 34) is therefore due for the presentation of this amendment. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee or credit any overpayment to deposit account 04-0838.

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Dated: 2/2/04Respectfully submitted,
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